

CITY OF TAUNTON BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 21, 2023 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Peter C. Lamb, Chairman Brendan Mullen, Commissioner Steven Turner, Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to accept the minutes to the May 17, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

<u>Downtown Taunton Foundation –Continued discussions regarding special permits:</u>

The Board suggests that the DTF reach out to the Law Department to find out who they need to get permission from to allow consumption of alcohol on a City street. Commissioner Mullen states that they would need to get permission each and every time they wanted to use the street for consumption.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to table discussions until they hear back from Downtown Taunton Foundation. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Downtown Taunton Foundation - Request to reschedule previously approved event

Colleen Simmons and Eileen Kelliher present on behalf of the applicant. They would like to reschedule their previously allowed Art Jam event that was cancelled due to rain to July 22nd. Alcohol will be limited to the tent on their private property. They are just requesting a change in date.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the change of date from May 20, 2023 that was already approved to July 22nd, 2023 with alcohol to be delivered

July 21st and removed by July 23, 2023. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

<u>Taunton Portuguese American Civic Club, Inc., 175 School Street – requesting permission to close for cleaning July 1st through July 8th</u>

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve temporary closure for cleaning for Portuguese American Civic Club.Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

<u>The National, LLC, 9 Taunton Green – notifying the Commission of temporary</u> closure

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Brack's Taunton, LLC d/b/a Brack's Grille & Tap, 2097 Bay Street - Change in hours of operation

They are requesting a change in hours to Sunday through Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the change in hours to 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

<u>Compass at General Dynamics, 400 John Quincy Adams Road – Application for a Common Victualler's License</u>

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for a Common Victualler license for Compass at General Dynamics. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

<u>Plain Street Realty Trust, 60-62 Weir Street – Application for a Lodging House License</u>

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for a lodging house license for Plain Street Realty Trust. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

<u>Discussions regarding license holders that have not been open during stated</u> hours:

Chairman Lamb states that it has come to the Board's attention that there are 4 establishments that are not currently operating and have not contacted the Board of License Commissioners.

The establishments are:

- TGI Friday's, Inc. d/b/a TGI Friday's at 6 Mozzone Blvd.
- 88 Wales, Inc. d/b/a Bar 88 at 88 Wales Street
- OV's Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a OV's Restaurant, 34 Old Colony Ave.
- 700 Taunton, LLC d/b/a Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Blvd.

In accordance with Section 3.06 any closures should come before the commissioner. According to the guidelines, the commission may revoke or suspend their license. Detective Rutherford states that TGI Friday's has been closed for a while, Bar 88 has been closed for an undetermined amount of time, OV"s has been closed for 2 or 3 months and Holiday Inn has been closed since February or March. Detective Sergeant Marques states that Holiday Inn closed the CF Grille in April and the only alcohol service is in the ballroom for events. They also told him that the listed manager is still employed with them, but he is not there 50% of the time. They were advised to contact the office to complete a Change of Manager amendment. Commissioner Turner thinks that Holiday Inn and Bar 88 need to be invited in to discuss.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to craft and issue a letter that quotes our statutes and advises them that the license will eventually be closed and give them the opportunity to come in and discuss. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

New Business/Old Business:

Commissioner Turner states that he has been informed that there are possibly people holding alcohol in their hands after 1 o'clock at Platinum City Gaming. Detective Sergeant Marques states that they can do a spot check.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Peter C. Lamb, Chairman

Brendan Mullen, Commissioner

Steven Turner, Commissioner